THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A plot to target Union Home Minister by Babbar Khalsa International has been foiled with the arrest of 4 members of that group by Punjab Police. Kulwinder Singh and his 2 associates were arrested on the night of 23rd January, 1999 near Vill. Panjdherian, P.S. Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar. The fourth associate Darshan Singh was arrested in Distt. Fathegarh Saheb. Investigation revealed that Kulwinder Singh was infiltrated from across the border around the middles of December, 1998 after his training. He was assigned the task of targeting senior political functionaries. He disclosed that the hitlist of Babbar Khalsa included Shri L.K. Advani, Union Home Minister for which he was also briefed by Wadhawa Singh, Chief of the Babbar Khalsa International, based in Pakistan. Large quantities of weapons, explosives and narcotic drugs were recovered from the possession of the arrested terrorists. Cases under the relevant provisions of law have been registered against the 4 arrested terrorists of Babbar Khalsa International in Distts. Jalandhar and Fathegarh Saheb. On the basis of interrogation of the arrested terrorists about a dozen Member of Babbar Khalsa have been identified. The information collected has been shared with the concerned agencies by the Govt. of Punjab.

मंत्रालयों में प्रवेश पासों का दुरुपयोग

823. **श्री रामजीलाल:** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 5 जनवरी, 1999 के राष्ट्रीय सहारा में "मंत्रालयों में प्रवेश के पासों का दुरुपयोग" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो ये विशेष प्रवेश पास गैर-सरकारी व्यक्तियों को किस अधिकारी द्वारा जारी किये गये थे और ये किस उद्देश्य से जारी किये गये थे;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने विशेष पासों के दुरुपयोग की जांच करवाई है; यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है;

(घ) क्या सरकार इस बात का पता लगाने के लिये जांच करायेगी कि इन पासों का उपयोग गोपनीय जानकारी एकत्र करने में भी किया गया; और

(ङ) यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण है?

गृह मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी): (क) जी हां, श्रीमान्।

(ख) से (ङ) प्रकाशित समाचार में कई आरोप निहित है जो तथ्यात्मक रूप से सही नहीं है। गैर-सरकारी व्यक्तियों को पास जारी करने में अनियमितताओं अथवा इस पासों का अनधिकृत व्यक्तियों द्वारा गोपनीय सूचना एकत्र करने के लिए दुरुपयोग किए जाने की कोई भी घटना सरकार के ध्यान में नहीं आई है।

दिल्ली के गेस्ट हाउसों में आतंकवादी

824. **श्री रामजीलाल:** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार का ध्यान 20 जनवरी, 1999 के राष्ट्रीय सहारा के मुख पृष्ठ पर "दिल्ली के कई गेस्ट हाउस आतंकवादियों के अड्डे" शीर्षक से प्रकाशित भूतपूर्व केन्द्रीय संसदीय कार्य मंत्री के वक्तव्य की ओर दिलाया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो आतंकवादियों को गिरफ्तार करने के लिये सरकार द्वारा क्या विशिष्ट प्रयास किये गये है; और

(ग) उनके क्या परिणाम निकले है?

गृह मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी): (क) जी हां, श्रीमान।

(ख) और (ग) राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र दिल्ली में आतंकवाद का मुकाबला करने के लिए दिल्ली पुलिस द्वारा उठाए गए कदमों में, अन्य बातों के साथ-साथ, आतंकवादियों के छिपने के सम्भावित ठिकानों पर निकट से नजर रखना और छापे मारना, होटलों/गेस्ट हाउसों की नियमित जांच, घोषित अपराधियों पर निगरानी और सम्भावित आतंकवादियों और उन्हे श्रण देने वालों की गतिविधियों पर आसूचना का सुदृढ़ीकरण शामिल है। उन उपायों के फलस्वरूप, दिल्ली और उसके आसपास के क्षेत्रों में बम विस्फोट के लिए कथित रूप से जिम्मेवार

14 आतंकवादियों सहित दिल्ली पुलिस बड़ी संख्या में आतंकवादियों को पकड़ने में सफल रही।

Foreign Visits of Union Ministers

825. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of visits abroad by Union Ministers from march to December, 1998;

(b) the purpose of each visit and its duration;

(c) the number of persons who accompanied them and the expenditure incurred on each visit; and

(d) the details of achievements from these visits?

THE MINSTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Declaration of Assets by Ministers

826. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that when the new Government took over in March last year the Union Cabinet had decided that Ministers should file statements regarding their assets and liabilities to the Prime Minister within 90 days, for being made public;

(b) if so, the number of Ministers who have filed/sent statements and the steps taken to publicise them; and

(c) the names of Ministers who have not filed their statements so far and what steps are proposed to be taken to make them fall in line?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) All the Members of the Union Council of Ministers had declared their assets and liabilities to the Prime Minister However, since the returns submitted by the Ministers were in different formats, the Prime Minister has written to his Cabinet colleagues to submit their returns, as on 31.3.98, in the prescribed proforma, so that a copy of each of the returns may be placed in the Parliament Library.

Decision Regarding Chandigarh

827. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the decision regarding Chandigarh has been hanging fire all these days; and

(b) if so, the steps Government contemplate to take to settle the issue to the satisfaction of the parties concerned?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) No decision regarding Chandigarh has been taken so far.

(b) The Government of India would like the concerned State Governments to sort out the differences over the issue amicably and would be willing to help in the matter.

Israel as a Model for Assam's Development

828. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to an article captioned, "Israel a model for Assam's Development", published in the Assam Tribune of 19th January, 1999; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.